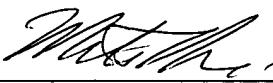


REMARKS

Claims 1-20 and 31-52 are presently pending. Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging receipt of the June 30, 2004 request for continued examination and accompanying preliminary amendment. Applicants respectfully submit that this June 30, 2004 submission was a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office Action, and that the minor error contained therein was inadvertent. In order to correct such inadvertent error, Applicants hereby enclose a corrected preliminary amendment to include markings demonstrating the previously filed (and entered) amendment to Claim 1, which changed "A is – C₀₋₄alkyl–" to "A is –C₁₋₄alkyl–".

The enclosed correction is a formal matter that merely serves to include markings showing changes included in the last entered amendment filed October 3, 2003. Such amendment was based on the text throughout the application, including the Examples and the original claims. No new matter is added. In view of the foregoing it is firmly believed that the subject invention is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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